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The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 21st at the Emergency Preparedness Center.

ELECTION TIME

Yes, it is that time again. Where has the year gone? of course, that means we are all a year older also, except for the gals, Hi! I am not sure how they do it, but once they reach 39, that's it.

At last month's meeting, "Nominations" were opened and we have a small slate of candidates nominated. Nominations are still open, so if you want the chance to be a leader for this up-coming year, it is not yet too late to toss in your hat and make your desire known. The slate of the nominees is listed in the minutes, so will not repeat it here.

Second, and just as important as the election, is what are your ideas as to what can we do as "members" to improve our club? Why do we have special interest groups forming. What can we do for these interests at and within our club. Amateur Radio has so many different interests so that the diversity of the hobby, attracts many more into our ranks. We must think of all our members interests and be diversified in order to make the meeting interesting to all. Of course that means it is up to you and you to make suggestions. Our officers are the leaders, but you have to help them and make suggestions and then offer your help to fulfill these ideas. Talk it over with other members and then make a suggestion or several suggestions and get an exchange going on these ideas. When you have over 800 hams in the area, and only less than one third belong to one of the area ham clubs, we must not be doing the right thing to attract them into our ranks. Think about it. When we recommend that each member bring another fellow amateur to our club meeting and no results, what is the answer? Don't the members read their bulletin, or don't they want to get involved in helping to promote interest in this "wonderful rewarding hobby" of ours. Just a little effort on the

part of each and everyone of you members, could renew the interest in some of our inactive hams. Why did they lose interest?? Do they now have a new hobby, or did their association with other area hams, leave them disenchanted with the hobby? When new faces show up at the club meeting, have you done your part in welcoming them, and introduce them to others? Have you shown them that we are one big family, and offered your help, should they have unanswered questions and are frustrated or confused as to what to do with a problem, that they could not find the answer to and were too embarrassed to ask?

These are just a few questions and I am sure you have many, along with some good ideas to improve our club and increase the interest. A good engineer comes up with an "idea" that many laugh at, but someone may think it is a good idea and then go ahead and develop it into a great new product, such as a new piece of amateur equipment, hi. If you don't voice your opinion or offer your suggestions, you are not doing your part in our club. Think about it and become more involved!!!!

Anyone can criticize, but "constructive criticism" is needed and could lead to great things. Think about a problem and you may come up with a brilliant idea to make an improvement. If you are able to think of one way to solve the problem, bring it up and someone else may have the answer. But if you remain silent, the problem will still be there. Again your input and ideas are needed. It is your club.

LATE HAMFEST NEWS

Eleanor Wilson (XYL Activities Chairman), wants to thank everyone that helped out at the HOF Hamfest. Among those that helped, were Shirley K8MZZ, Doris WD8IKC, Polly KA8OZM, and Louise Ball. The prize winners were 1st prize, Jean Martinides (XYL of WBAKU), 2nd prize to Herb Mallon W8LHY and the 3rd prize to Marg Zalar from Doylestown. The Buckeye Belles also had a booth setup to promote the organization for the gals.

We received three nice letters, thanking the area hams for their participation in providing communications for the HOF parade. The following are excerpts from the letters;

Dear Bill,

At this time, I should like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and the amateurs, for your dedicated and superior efforts to the 1983 HOF Parade. The accomplishment of a successful parade can only be done when individuals as yourself willingly give their time to this great community project. Once again, thanks to all.

William H. Callihan Parade Chairman

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your contribution, individually and collectively during the Hall of Fame Activities. There is no question the the entire HOF Planning Committee appreciates the many activities that are provided on a volunteer basis by all.

Jack Liberator (Medical Services Chairman)

Dear Bill,

I am glad that HOF is over, but one positive experience was being able to work with you and your very able group of volunteers. Have a safe year and I'll see you at the next year's parade.

Dale Hossler Chairman HOF Marshalls

August CARC MEETING MINUTES

At precisely 0000UTC, 17 August 1983, clamor ended and the CARC meeting commenced. Had about forty present and there were several who ought to be members of this esteemed gathering. So- "Hi" to Dan Anastis N8DZM, and to Tom Behra KA8NRZ, who signed up. John WD8DIT again present passed along his Special Event log. Thanks John!

No problem with reading old minutes. W8EK and KE8G gave it the "Deep Six." Financial report followed. Balance brought forward was \$2382. Net income was \$24. August balance is \$2906. No news on income, if any, from Tusco HOF Hamfest committee.

That HOF Special Event Station operation was discussed. All logs now received. About 254 contacts. Largest was 8-land at 53, next was 4-land at 47. Best DX- ZS3GB Nambia, on rtty by les W8CFJ. Greatest QSO's in one period, was on 20 meter phone- over 100. Number of states about 33 based on postmarks. More QSL's still coming in. The event was a success considering the poor conditions, including thunderstorms on Saturday & Sunday, near end of each schedule. Thanks so much, to all who helped. QSL's will be going out shortly.

The club's ICOM 2A now has a new "paid for" charger. If anyone needs 2 Meter HT, contact Charlie Scott KB8YC.

No further information regarding the reduction in mailing rates. It is up to the Post office beaucrats now!

The letter to the North Canton Council, re W8CFJ's antenna, has been prepared. We are waiting for Les to return from vacation so up-to-date status of his problems may be known. The letter contains background of comments taken from QST's relative to action taken in other litigations.

ARRL has advised us, that there is a new VHS presentation of the story of the space ship Columbia, which should be a potent instrument in the recruiting of Novices. Herb suggested that we take advantage of the publicity expected relative to W5LFL's 2 meter operations.

Dave was questioned as to the status of the repeater, insofar as QRM & cost of operation was concerned. Since 146.52 is a listening frequency there should be no QRM. The fact that there is indicates that it is the incumbent operator who is or should be cooperating by QSYing to another frequency, once contact has been made. This applies to the ARES frequency as well. Lengthy QSO's for the most part, are possible on simplex. Dave indicates that he still has sufficient funds to cover maintenance cost of the 72/12 machine.

Dave asked that ARES applications be forwarded to him ASAP. Although tornadoes may not be as widespread as hurricanes, the emergency communication link is still vital. Are you prepared? Send in your application yet? Do it now, while you are thinking about it!!!

We've just received a copy of a letter written to WD8IKC, Doris (Buckeye Belles), concerning a drastic proposa;, for reduction in WX Bureau services. The letter comes from KB8YUW in Lakewood. It states that the bureau has been costing too much money, that it is possible to reduce annual costs by eliminating 269 of 340 field offices in the system. In Ohio, this would mean the closing of the Akron-Canton office, plus Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Mansfield, Toledo and Youngstown. The Sky-Warn system would go out of business. Farmers and others would have to seek information from other sources, which include fees! The Four Hurricane centers would be closed, consolidating into one main center.

The letter is available for perusal, see Secy. If you feel strongly about this matter, some concerted effort may be necessary thru club.

club, or letters to your Representative or Senator.

For you DX'ers, who hate to hold on to a few DX cards until you get enough to make a bucks worth of mailing, you can through CARC/ARRL move small quantities out each month. No charge to you. Give the Secy your cards PLUS your QST mailing tab from the brown wrapper. That tab provides renewal information too- worth twosimoleons to this astute group. Who knows, if we get enough members who subscribe to QST, we may not need a hamfest to support our extra-curricula activities!!

Novice Classes and General Classes! Start on September 27. Novice 7-9 PM, General 7-8 PM. No code for General Classes, where inquiries have been heavy. Have you volunteered your services as a teacher? You are needed. Please call Dick WB8VUN.

A motion was passed, after discussion, relative to the need to update the Canton "Callbook". No cost ceiling was placed on this project. K8-JZN was to be contacted relative to problems involved. WD8MMG & K8BYC.

Hamfests coming. Listen to broadcasts by K8JZN and Tuesday's ARES net.

Dick WB8VUN, queried the group for help in working on W8MND's antenna. Herb says he's got part of his tribe to help, working permitting. We're going to miss that guy come October!

Yep-it is ELECTION TIME. Herb gave the group a ten minute break so that three illustrious members (WB8VUN, KE8G and KA8RQZ) could canvas other members for nominees. They came up with Scott Duncan KK8D for Prez, Art WD8MMG and Gary WA8ADA for Veep, and finally W8FEC for SecTreas. For trustee, Frank KE8G was nominated. September meeting you will have the opportunity to add more nominees. Give it some serious consideration. The vitality of the club is "dependent" upon willing, industrious and sacrificing officers.

W8EK Keh, states that the Eye Bank Emergency Communicators will have a convention at the Sheraton at Belden Village. Ken will also be interviewed on WHBC. Dates are prior to the publication of this letter.

Ken states from W5YI Report, that ARRL will bring out a Callbook, at a cost under \$15.00. With Buckmaster, that makes three.

The influx of new hams dropped in the past year compared to a previous year, 2.9% vs 5%. Now, regarding that VHS publicity show.. If you folks are teachers, particularly Physics (!) or are involved in Scouts, here is an OPPORTUNITY!!!

Space flight delayed one month. Listen on our nets for update.

Ken admonishes instructors to certify, on 610 forms, that "Code and written tests were satisfactorily passed". Failure to do so, will result in unnecessary delays.

Finally, since there is a new craze- VHF Blocks- for QSL verification, Secy has been instructed to purchase, at a cost of not exceeding \$10, topographical maps, so VHF locator codes can be assigned. Info is in January 1983 QST. More soon.

The collection of dimes resulted in \$3.25 total. (How did that nickel get in there?) 80% went to #13, W8LHY. Previous month Dave W8LNU got a 73 magazine for the prize.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM, not precisely. Doughnuts and coffee should have been super. Cost more than last month!!

Art Schermerhorn, Secy Treasurer

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MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 1983

With Election Time, comes the end of the Fiscal Year and the start of another new year and that means also that your membership dues will be due on October 1.

As a reminder, CARC has the three memberships, Associate, Full and the Sustaining. Dues for the three are \$5 for the Associate, for those that want the Feedline Bulletin and to promote the H.O.F. Certificate. Then Full Members \$10 which gives one all benefits, the Feedline, use of our Club Station, voting privileges, hold office, free Stark County Direct~~t~~ory every two years and etc. Then the Honor Roll Sustaining Membership for those that contribute \$15 or more to CARC. Of course we publish the Honor Roll a couple times in the Feedline. You can come to the meetings and personally give your dues to the SecTreas, or mail them in. Send your name, address and call along with your dues to: Art Schermerhorn, W8FEC, 505 E. Mohawk Drive, Malvern, Ohio 44644.

JOTA (JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR)

The combination of Scouting, Friendship and Amateur Radio. The 26th Annual Jamboree this year will be on October 15-16. This is where the Amateur invites the Scouts to talk to other scouts thru out the world on Amateur Radio. Last year, ninety nine countries participated with more than 8000 certificates issued to the scouts for their participation.

What a wonderful way to introduce these fine young lads, to our exciting hobby of Amateur Radio. It was suggested at the August meeting to make this a club venture. Are you interested in participating???

Information received during month by Secy, but not specifically discussed: 1. ARRL is having a Special Service Club Logo Contest. This refers to the newly initiated activities ARRL is sponsoring to add more zest to a club by greater member participation in such areas as; upgrading (technical training), recruitment, communication support for the community (HOF Events, marches etc.). Deadline is January 15, 1984. Secy has details. 2. A simple resistive audio multiple distribution schematic was received from ARRL. Diagrams and information can be gotten from Secy at club meeting. 3. The AMSAT program is in need of financial support. San Diego ARC just contributed \$1000. Does CARC want to assist? Please give it a thought.

NEW NOVICE TEST PROCEDURES

The new Novice test procedures are outlined in the September 1983 QST. In addition, the new questions are also printed in their entirety. It does not give the answers, so it is up to the individual giving the exam, to verify if the answers are correct, or you can make up your own multiple choice answers to use. There are twenty groups of questions, that you must use one question from each group for the twenty questions. You can also send to Detroit and obtain a copy from the FCC.

QUESTIONS

What is the new Novice testing procedure? Answer, see above.

Do I need to keep a log? You are no longer required to keep a log. This includes 3rd party traffic. The FCC has retained the authority to have certain stations to log their activities for interference problems and etc. You may continue to log your contacts, but are not required.

REMINDER- TAKE YOUR DUES TO THE MEETING, OR SEND IN TO SECY-TREAS.